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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director (Coordination)
Members of the Project Review Committee

SUBJECT : Research Program of the Economic Research Area of
the Office of Research and Reports

1. The research and production program of the Economic Research Area of the Office of Research and Reports (OPR) is submitted to the Project Review Committee (PRC) for information. Because this program does not come before the PRC for consideration and approval but does represent a sizeable investment in time and money, I believe that you would want to know our plans for the next twelve months.
2. The economic intelligence program has been planned, as in the past, around the known and anticipated requirements of the principal consumers. Because these requirements are so directly affected by the rapid pace of world events, the program has been deliberately given a degree of flexibility necessary to the prompt response to urgent needs for economic intelligence on the Sino-Soviet Bloc and on the Bloc's economic relations with the Free World during the coming year.
3. Among the highlights of the program is the continued priority of the economic aspects of the military programs of the Sino-Soviet Bloc, with particular emphasis on the cost of these programs and their

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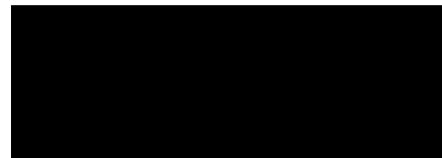
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impact on the economic resources of the Bloc. This year will see the first research in depth on the economic aspects of the atomic energy program in the Bloc. The continued interest of the policy-making level in the trade and financial relationships of the Sino-Soviet Bloc, particularly with the Free World is recognized. The economic aid to under-developed countries by the Bloc will continue to be studied in detail.

4. Your attention is particularly invited to pages 7 through 12 where, in tabular and chart form, the allocation of resources is summarized.

5. The regard for our economic research reports in the Intelligence Community is indicated by the array of customers listed in Chart 4 (following page 24), section C. The authority and flexibility in this new program for FY 58 reflects the experience of the past combined with the imagination to anticipate the future. The best traditions of scholarly research have been followed in the preparation of the plan.



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